



Image

1743

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### PATENT

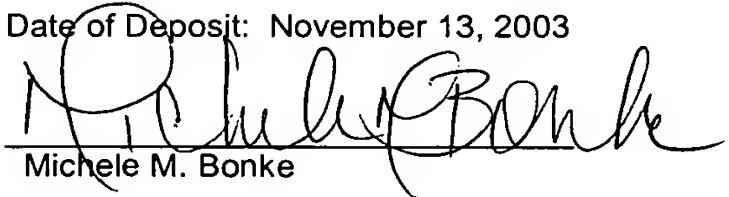
Applicant: S. A. Karinka, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/062,313  
Filed: February 1, 2002  
For: ELECTROCHEMICAL BIOSENSOR  
STRIP FOR ANALYSIS OF LIQUID SAMPLES  
Examiner: (Not yet assigned)  
Group Art Unit: 1743  
Case No.: 6886.US.O1  
Date: November 13, 2003

### Certificate of Mailing (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450, on:

Date of Deposit: November 13, 2003

  
Michele M. Bonke

### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of Application of S.A. Karinka, et al. for ELECTROCHEMICAL BIOSENSOR STRIP FOR ANALYSIS OF LIQUID SAMPLES, Serial No. 10/062,313 filed February 1, 2002

Also enclosed is: Form PTO - 1449  
Copies of Three References Cited  
Copy of The PCT Search report  
Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

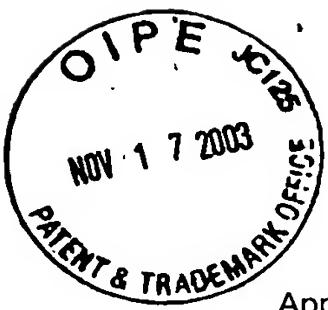
\*23492\*

23492

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Telephone: (847) 937-6182  
Facsimile: (847) 938-2623

Respectfully submitted,  
S.A. Karinka, et al.

  
David L. Weinstein  
Registration No. 28,128  
Attorney for Applicants



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: S. A. Karinka, et al.

Serial No.: 10/062,313

Filed: February 1, 2002

For: ELECTROCHEMICAL BIOSENSOR  
STRIP FOR ANALYSIS OF LIQUID SAMPLES

Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: (Not yet assigned)

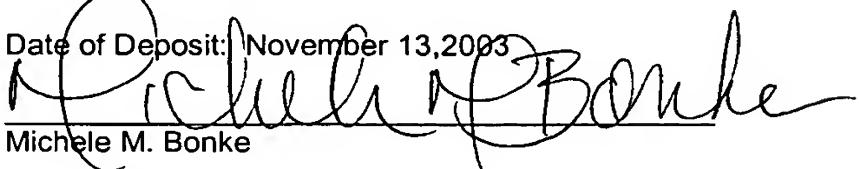
Case No.: 6886.US.O1

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR  
1.8 (a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450, on:

Date of Deposit: November 13, 2003

  
Michele M. Bonke

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement as specified by 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e).

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart international PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

\*23492\*

23492

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Telephone: (847) 937-6182  
Facsimile: (847) 938-2623

Respectfully submitted,  
S. A. Karinka, et al.



David L. Weinstein  
Registration No. 28,128  
Attorney for Applicants

DATE: November 13, 2003

SHEET \_1\_ of \_1\_

## Form PTO - 1449 (Modified)

<p style="text-align: center;">(Modified) OCT 12 2003 NOV 17 2003 PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE (S) 98 (b))</p> <p style="text-align: center;">U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>	ATTY. DOCKET NO.	SERIAL NO.
	6886.US.01	10/062,313
	APPLICANT S. A. Karinka, et al.	
	FILING DATE February 1, 2002	GROUP 1743

## U.S.PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,245,215	06/12/2001	Douglas et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	B1	99/19507	22.4.1999	WO				
	B2	97/08544	6.3.1997	WO				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

			Copy of the PCT Search Report

EXAMINER: Initial citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

(Form PTO-1449)